

Humboldt County Historical Society
Interview with Mr. George A. Cochran
805 "C" St., Eureka

Indexed by Jeanne Bost 8/7/88 Time: 50 minutes

<u>Index No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
0.00 - 0.39	Born at 6 th & "D" Sts., lived in Eureka 64 years at time of interview. Went to one-room schoolhouse (Whittier school) across street.
0.40 - 0.90	Mother born in Australia. Came to San Francisco at age 6; lived in Potrero District. At age 8 she moved to Eureka. Lived at Table Bluff. Father was engineer and blacksmith. Later moved to Eureka for more work and pay.
0.90 -	Grandmother lived to be 96. Father came here in 1776; born in Peterboro, Ontario, Canada.
0.91 - 1.40	Father worked in D.R. Jones mill, then in Eureka in teaming and drayage business. Worked for his dad (George Cochran) in 1898. Started by driving 4-horse team, hauling wheat, oats & hay & tan bark from ranches.
1.42 - 1.70	First railroads in California were logging railroads in Eureka. Ties and rails were poles, laid end-to-end. Remnants remain at Pigeon Point or Bayside, etc.
1.73 - 2.40	First Humboldt County Fair recalled. Also first encounter with circus on road to Farndale where George saw elephant, bear, camel & monkeys. Circus came overland from San Francisco to Eureka. George worked carrying buckets of water to elephant.

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2.43 - 2.58	Eureka without water 2 days following big earthquake April 18, 1906. Water supply up Elk Creek via pumping station. Damaged station shut down water; took two days to repair.
260 - 2.79	Old Simpson's house left standing following quake at 6th St. between "B" & "C". Presently an old rooming house in disrepair.
2.80 - 2.96	Early waterfront described. (Here tape ends abruptly)